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District to dump unused building

By MILES GRANDFIELD
Staff Writer

More than two years after purchasing a nine-story district headquarters building at 4050 Wilshire Blvd. for \$12.5 million to avoid paying rent, the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District voted Wednesday to abandon the plan, sell the building and commit to a 20-year lease of another office structure at 770 Wilshire Blvd. Proponents of the move say the district will save \$1 million per year.

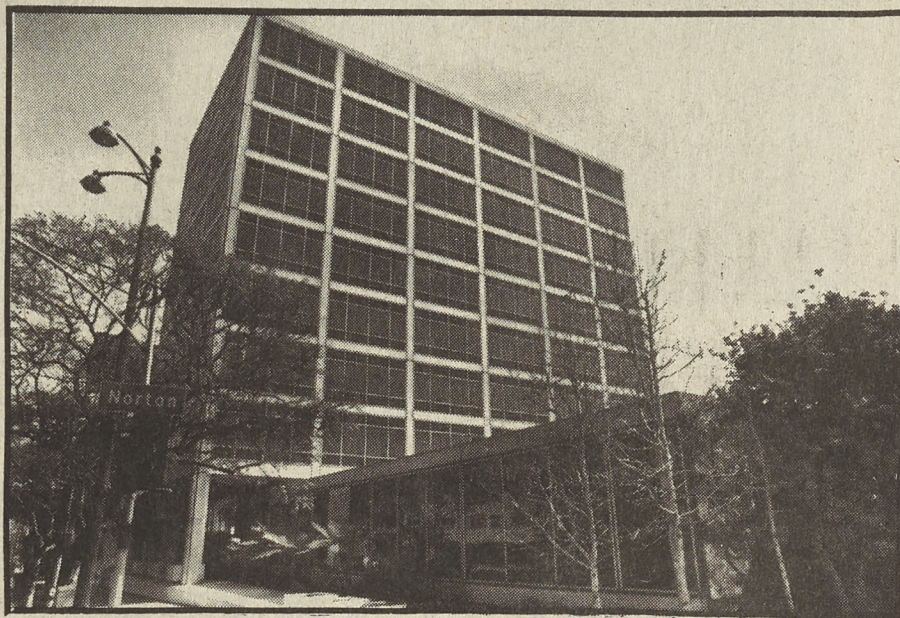
Although some observers estimate that the colleges will lose between \$4.5 and \$8.5 million if the building is sold in today's depressed real estate climate, the four members who voted for the measure say the district will benefit in the short term because of the rate structure of the new lease. The district will occupy the building rent-free for two years, and thereafter pay moderately-increasing rates until balloon payments are incurred in the 11th and 12th years of the lease.

But Lindsay Conner, one of three trustees who opposed the resolution, said that the board's reversal will only prolong the drain of district funds into rental payments, and will leave the headquarters "homeless" when the lease expires. In addition, Conner said the district will still be paying interest on most of the \$17.5 million it borrowed to pay for the 4050 Wilshire building, long after the lease of the new facility will have ended.

"In 10 years this decision is not going to look good," Conner stated during a meeting of the trustees at Los Angeles Pierce College yesterday. "We're going to have an albatross around our neck, and then still have to look for new space in 20 years."

Trustee Patrick Owens was even more fervent in his opposition to the move. "I am going to push for a Grand Jury investigation of possible mishandling of public funds," Owens said. "Somebody might be going to jail and it's not going to be me."

The building at 4050 Wilshire has been a thorn in the side of the board ever since it was purchased in December of 1990 with the purpose of saving the district money. The original move-in target date of Aug. 29, 1991 was periodically extended during a series of planning setbacks (see sidebar) until the most recent estimate of August, 1993.



ADAM CROCKER / Valley Star

The LACCD Board of Trustees voted yesterday to sell the building located at 4050 Wilshire Blvd., which has stood empty since 1990.

Before the vote was taken, the board heard several speakers express doubts about the legality of the action. Peter Halt, who is running for one of the three trustee positions to be decided later this month, said the 20-year lease, which is written as a 12-year agreement with an 8-year renewal option, is prohibited by state law.

"They're trying to get around the law on a technicality," Halt said. The law prohibits the district from entering into a lease longer than 12 years, but under the terms of the 770 Wilshire agreement, the district must pay a \$6 million penalty if it does not extend the lease for an additional eight years. "That worries me," Halt said.

Tale of an unused building

● **Dec. 1990**— The LACCD Board of Trustees authorizes the purchase of 4050 Wilshire for \$12.5 million.

● **Jan. 1991**— August move-in date is extended to Feb. 1992 after it is learned that extensive asbestos removal and earthquake reinforcements must be performed to comply with city codes.

● **Sept. 1991**— Move-in date is extended to Aug. 1992 after the chancellor recommends to the

board that plans to lease one floor of the building for income purposes, be scrapped due to miscalculations in the need for space.

● **Nov. 1991**— The trustees vote to lease the ninth floor even though it will mean cramped quarters for workers, and some district offices will have to remain on campuses.

● **June 1992**— Delays in planning and renovations force the chancellor's office to revise target date to August 1993.

● **Dec. 1992**— Chancellor Donald Phelps distributes a memo stating that "progress on the development of a new district office continues on schedule. We explored a proposal for an optional site in the downtown area, but the talks ended in a stalemate. At the direction of the Board of Trustees, we are continuing with our original plans to move into the new Educational Services Center at 4050 Wilshire in August 1993."

● **Mar. 10, 1993**— The Board of Trustees votes to sell the building and lease another building for 20 years.

How they voted

✓ Althea Baker	No
✓ Lindsay Conner	No
✓ Wallace Knox	Yes
✓ David Lopez-Lee	Yes
✓ Patrick Owens	No
✓ Kenneth Washington	Yes
✓ Julia Wu	Yes

the opposite direction of Dallas. Gosenson and Landeros apprehended the suspect as they approached the lot.

The Los Angeles Police Department was called and it was discovered the suspect had an extensive criminal record and he had recently been released from prison. He was taken to the Van Nuys Division.

Captain Karl Traber commended the three officers for the initiative, diligence and tactics they used. He felt it was their excellent teamwork which

culminated in the arrest.

The Crime Location Pin Map was also instrumental in making the arrest. Dallas was out in the area checking one of the hot spots on the map when he observed the crime being committed.

This was the second attempted burglary of a motor vehicle in parking lot A in the past week. Last week, Landeros apprehended a Grant High School student breaking into a Datsun 280Z belonging to another Grant student parked in the lot on the Coldwater Canyon annex

Sprinklers snuff fire

By NANCY VIGRAN
Editor-in-Chief

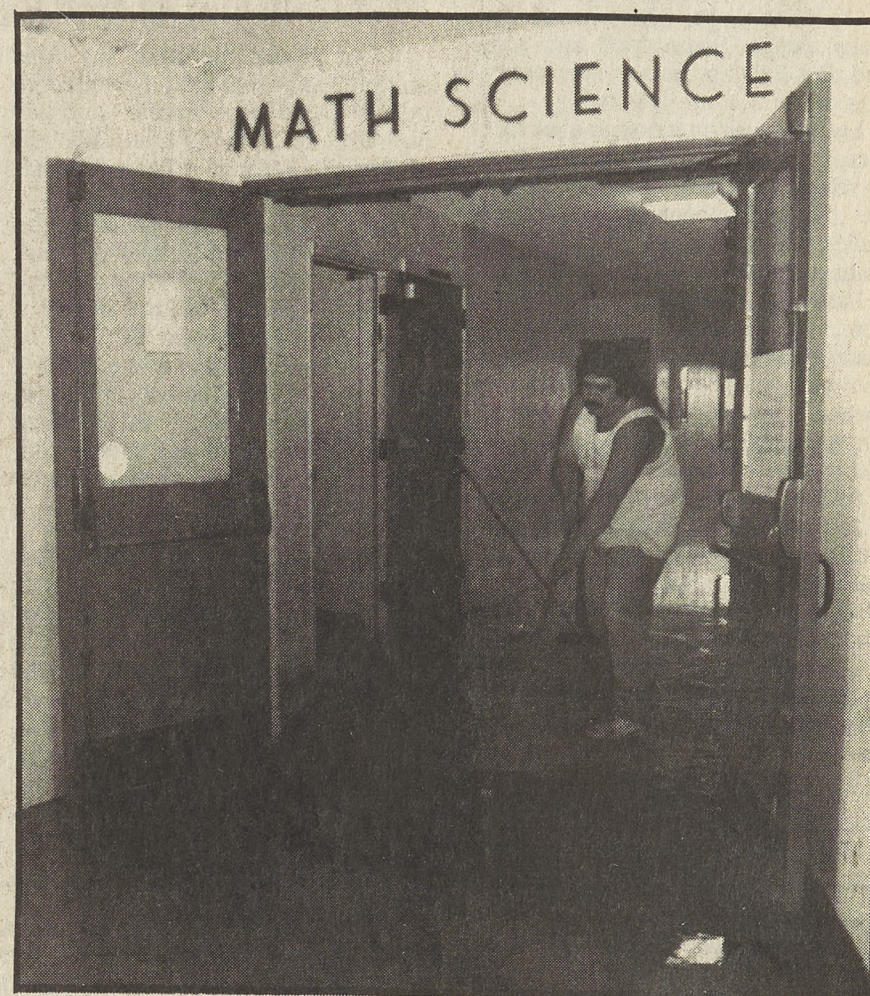
Fire alarms sounded all over campus yesterday, when heat set off the sprinkler system tripping the fire alarm system. Classes were disrupted as students and faculty had to evacuate all buildings on campus.

At 12:40 p.m. Campus Police responded to the alarm which indicated there was a fire either in the Math/Science Building (MS) or the Music Building. Smoke was discovered emitting from the men's restroom in MS with water flooding through the doorway.

The fire which was doused by the sprinkler system, started in the paper towel dispenser. "This is not an accident," Campus Police Officer Spencer Gosenson said. "This is arson," he said. Graffiti was written on the wall of the restroom, but it is not known whether this was related to the fire.

The Los Angeles Fire Department was notified of the incident, however, after assessment by Officer Gosenson, they were not called in.

Several members of plant facilities responded quickly for clean-up procedures. The sprinkler system, which only went off in the restroom, was turned off at 1 p.m. by Jim Taylor, campus plumber. Flooding occurred through the corridors and into MS



NANCY VIGRAN/Valley Star

Machinist Richard Castellanos helps mop up after sprinklers doused a fire in the men's restroom in the Math/Science building yesterday.

rooms 107, 108, 109 and 110.

Afternoon classes were able to resume by 1:30 p.m. The men's restroom remains locked for further investigation and evaluation.

The LAFD is called for every fire and notified as to the status, said Nora Horwick, Intermediate

Clerk Typist in the Campus Police Office. If the incident had occurred in a building where there are hazardous chemicals, such as Chemistry or Art, the LAFD along with the Hazardous Materials team would have immediately responded to the scene, said Gosenson.

Prospective employers seek workers at LAVC

By AMANDA L. DUCHOW
Staff Writer

The Los Angeles Valley College job fair was held yesterday under sunny skies in Monarch square.

Although there were less companies than in years past, many businesses came out to actively recruit students.

A wide variety of businesses and government agencies ranging from temporary services to the Federal Bureau of Investigation were present. With a total of 26 businesses, present many students wandered from table to table in hopes of finding a job.

"I'm looking for the best opportunity possible. I am planning my future and am interested in business management. I would like to help turn the economy around," said Business major Mark Lain.

While all of the tables generated interest, the largest crowds gathered around tables that were representing employment with government and local agencies.

The Los Angeles County Fire

Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Los Angeles Police Department were the busiest tables.

"We're looking for people who are interested in working with the community. People who have a reverence for the law, and people who have high ethical and moral standards," said Lorena Walsh, a representative for the LAPD.

Walsh went on to talk about the possibilities for promotion within the police force, as well as the medical benefits and pension plans available.

Some companies emphasized the benefits of immediate employment that they offered. Both Six Flags Magic Mountain as well as Universal Studios, who returned this year after an absence last year, were here to tell students of the jobs offered during the summer season.

"We are offering seasonal work in the park with guests. There are many positions open, ranging from ride operators, to food service, to merchandising," said Magic Mountain Human Resources Supervisor Susie.

Other businesses generated much interest with little hope of immediate employment. Federal Bu-

reau of Investigation Recruiter Pam Stewart told interested students that a four-year degree is required.

"A degree in any field is acceptable, however law, accounting and language degree's are preferred," said Stewart, who then said there is presently a freeze on hiring until the year 1995.

Medical centers were also here to tell students of the jobs they offered. St. Joseph's Medical Center has openings in departments ranging from nursing to public relations.

It was obvious that the current recession has effected this year's job fair. While the US Air Force was present, missing was the Army, Navy and Marines. All of whom have been present in previous years.

Also missing were the wide variety of retail outlets that have been at LAVC's job fair before. The only retail outlets in attendance were The Wild Pair and Radio Shack.

While many students looked around just to satisfy their curiosity, others hoped yesterday's job fair would bring results in the form of jobs.

Nursing major Dan Robinson summed it up by saying, "I'm hoping to find a job today."

LAVC students plan protest trip

By PATRICIA CYMERMAN
Staff Writer

Los Angeles Valley College students plan to travel to Sacramento this Tuesday to protest Governor Pete Wilson's proposed budget cuts.

All LAVC students who want to participate in the event will be transported by vans that will depart at 2 p.m. Tuesday and return by 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

Students should call the ASU office to confirm a space on one of the vans by Friday, March 12. Students who do not confirm a space through the ASU office will still have a chance to go if they arrive at the ASU office by 1 p.m. on the day of the trip, according to Don Graham, Commissioner of Public Relations.

LAVC students will join students from Santa Monica City College, Los Angeles City College and Mission College to rally on the steps of the Capitol Building.

"We are going to Sacramento with the energy of the sixties and the information of the nineties," said Graham.

ASU leaders plan to organize student delegations which will be sent to state legislators' offices to voice their opposition to the \$1.3 billion in cuts.

"We want to go to Sacramento as a unified front. We want to tell them that this is a major problem. Don't ignore it. Don't ignore us," Graham said.

If Governor Wilson's budget proposal passes, LAVC students without advanced degrees will pay \$30 per unit. Students with advanced degrees will pay \$112 per unit, according to Graham.

"It's not a Black, White or Asian thing. We're fighting for something that will affect everyone," said Andrew Embuido, Commissioner of Asian Concerns.

Embuido said the ASU wants "as many students as possible" to join the lobbying effort. "This is their

chance to have their voices heard," he said.

Students need to bring a sleeping bag, a pillow and spending money for food. Members of ASU are trying to make an arrangement with a local fast food restaurant that would provide meals for the students. The arrangement, however, has not been finalized.

Students will also be asked to contribute money for gas costs, if they can afford it.

Sleeping arrangements have been made at Santa Clara Mission College, approximately 100 miles from Sacramento, according to Graham. Wednesday morning students will arrive in Sacramento.

Santa Monica City College donated \$7,000 dollars from their ASU funds to pay a large portion of the transportation costs. They made the donation so that all the students who want to go to Sacramento will have the opportunity to do so.

NEWS BRIEFS

Business Workshop: The USC School of Business will present a workshop for all students interested in transferring today from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It will be held in the President's Conference Room in the Administration Building.

Dog Show: The Burbank Kennel Club is holding its second all breed dog show and obedience at LAVC on Sunday, March 14. For information call 842-4166 or 846-2437.

Science Lectures: The Earth Science Department is holding a spring lecture series in celebration of its 39th semester. The series runs on Tuesdays on Mar. 23, Apr. 13, Apr. 20, and May 11. They will be held at noon in the Math Science building in 113.

Hillel: Hillel, ASU and the psychology department will present a lecture entitled, "Avoiding the cult trap: A Jewish perspective from a former cult member." It will be held on Thursday March 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in Behavioral Sciences 100.

Counseling Department: The New Horizons Center at LAVC is offering counseling and workshops for single parents and returning homemakers. The areas covered include career planning, job search skills, self-esteem, decision making and goal setting. The counseling will be provided in the following areas: career, academic, personal, support groups and career testing. The center is located in Bungalow 14 and is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. All other hours are by appointment only. For further information contact Barbara Goldberg at ext. 332.

Registration 'credit' gets lost in the red-tape zone

By AMANDA L. DUCHOW
Staff Writer

On this campus, I have experienced many things. Some good and some bad. But I always seem to be experiencing things that are frustrating.

I want to call attention to a problem that is a major issue of frustration to myself and which other students might feel the same about at Los Angeles Valley College. Let me get right to the point, the business office.

Last week, I went to the business office to get a copy of my fee receipt. As many of us know, without a fee receipt you cannot check out books, write checks or use the student health center among many other things. I also planned to pay my ASU fee at this time.

Although I did not have any money I thought this would not be a problem, because at the time of registration I was given the option of a "credit" which I would be able to use at a later date, or a full refund by mail.

Since my "credit" was just a little under \$30, I figured a credit would better suit my needs because I don't have much money.

I asked the gentleman who was helping me if by using my "credit" I could obtain a copy of my fee

receipt as well as \$7 of my "credit" to pay my ASU dues. I was told no, I could not receive a fee receipt using my "credit" and I would have to pay one dollar to get the receipt.

After giving the man my lone dollar, I repeated that I wanted to take \$7 out of my "credit" and pay my ASU dues. I was then told "no problem." Wrong, it became a major problem.

The business office personnel informed me that the transfer of funds was not possible. And what had previously been my "credit" was all of a sudden "over payment".

When I attempted to find out why it could not be done, the reply of those in the office simply was, "according to the book," (a three ring binder containing a few pages) "the computer won't transfer the funds."

Still, I was under the impression that I had a "credit" not an "over payment." The clerk then informed me that I could use my "over payment" to buy a parking sticker, or merchandise in the book store.

Well I do not drive a car and it is well into the semester and I no longer need to purchase anything from the bookstore. (Ok, maybe a candy bar every now and again.)

The business office went on to inform me that I could receive a full refund of my "over payment" by mail in about three weeks.

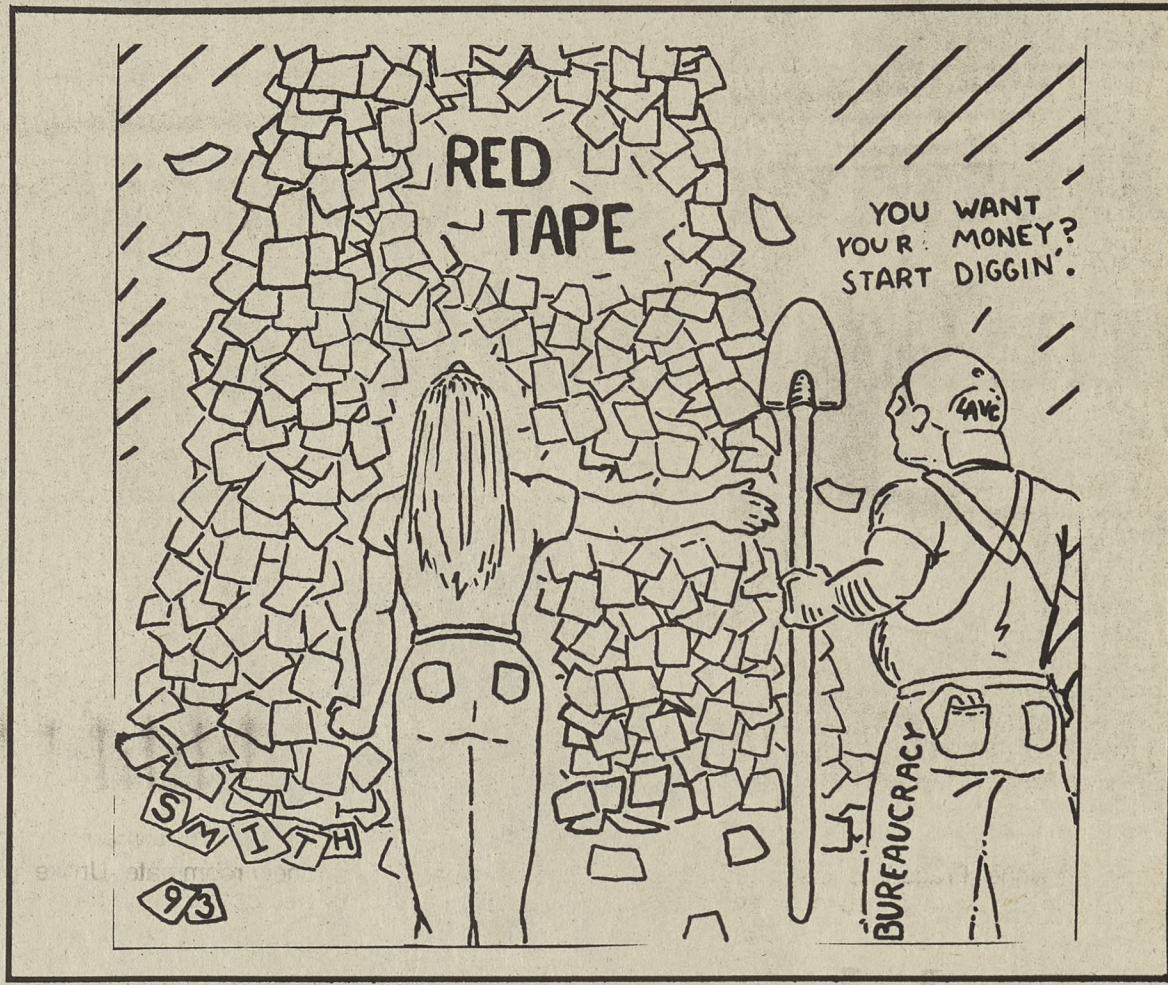
I assumed that there is a legitimate explanation for the red tape. However, after placing several calls to the district office, I still did not receive one and my \$30 are still lost in the LAVC computer twilight zone.

My frustration makes me think that sometimes, I am doing nothing more than banging my head into a brick wall again and again and again, while receiving nothing in return other than one head ache after another and many large bumps and bruises.

This is a college and I know that for it to effectively operate there must be rules and regulations.

But sometimes just a book saying "no" isn't enough. The enormous amount of frustration that students experience on this campus, be it registration, fees, the Health Center or anything else shouldn't be necessary.

It is frustrating, that I, or any other students on this campus must deal with all this bureaucracy. It is not good for any of us, faculty, staff nor students. Perhaps, with a little more communication we could work together to lessen this tangled mass of red tape.



Drive more pay more

By LUCY THOMAS
Staff Writer

A new automobile insurance reform bill for California motorists has been endorsed by a group of state leaders and consumer groups. State Senator Art Torres, and California Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi, introduced the bill.

The proposal was developed by Andrew Tobias, who outlined the pay-at-the-pump plan in his book "Auto Insurance Alert."

The proposed plan might increase the price of gasoline by 30 cents a gallon and would raise automobile registration and licensing fees by a suggested \$200 to \$300 per vehicle.

In exchange for the additional revenue, California motorists may be covered by a no-fault basic insurance plan, offering unlimited medical benefits, up to about \$25,000 in lost wages and about \$25,000 in property damage (with an approximate \$250 deductible).

Drivers who need comprehensive, collision, or driving while out of state coverage and higher liability limits would have to purchase additional supplemental coverage from their insurance companies.

Young drivers with good driving records would benefit by this plan because their age would not be considered.

However, people with expensive cars would have to buy property damage coverage above the \$25,000 provided by the plan because finance companies may insist on full insurance coverage on their investment.

Small fender benders might have to be taken care of by the insured due to the \$250 deductible on property damage.

If you take all of these additional expenses, some drivers would be paying more for insurance than they are now.

Under the proposed plan, (No Fault Insurance) drivers could collect from their insurance companies regardless of fault and suing for additional damages such as "pain and suffering" could be eliminated. This concept has been adopted by many other states.

The insurance companies object to the fact that the California state

government plans to take control of auto insurance.

The Pay at the Pump Plan suggests that additional annual registration fees be levied on drivers with poor driving records. Close to \$1,000 for an individual with more than four moving violations in a year.

Insurance rates would depend on driving distance rather than zip codes under the plan.

The Tobias plan proposes that the state collect the money and assign large groups of drivers to insurance companies offering the lowest premiums.

The problem with the state holding all the funds in a special pool worries me. There is always the possibility of funds being diverted.

On March 16, the Los Angeles County Commission on Insurance will hold a public hearing on a proposal to create this new automobile insurance plan in California.

The hearing will be at 10 a.m. in Room 140 of the county Hall of Administration, in downtown Los Angeles at 500 W. Temple St.

This is an important hearing that people should attend. What is decided at this meeting is going to become a way of life for Californians.

We shall restrain

By HARRIET STEINBERG
Staff Writer

It was difficult choosing a jury for the Rodney King case as Bill Cooper, radio newsman of KFWB said, "How can you set aside the case from the violence?"

Yes, it was difficult choosing a jury that could be objective, but if people had reacted to the Simi Valley verdict in the same manner that the students of Los Angeles Valley College did, this problem would not have existed. Valley College students handled the situation in a positive manner.

"There was plenty of anger," said Liz Alexander, president of Black Student Union, "but the consensus was that there are other ways of venting anger." Alexander said that many students dealt with it by going downtown and verbally communicating their frustrations. "Some students attended church

services," she said.

Were there students who would have liked to riot but didn't? Deman Marks, business major, had a couple of conflicting remarks about this. "I am 28 years old," he said. "I didn't want to go to prison. If I were younger, I would've liked to have done it."

He said that he has been harrassed by the police many times. As an afterthought, he added, "I didn't want to harm my own campus by setting it on fire."

Several students feel that if there is discontentment with the new trial, rioting in Los Angeles could happen again. "I feel that campus students are more broad-minded than that," ASU historian, Sharon Mamane, said.

Alex Gonzalez, registered nurse major, also feels that students will not riot because they do not want to destroy their campus. "They might protest the verdict in an orderly fashion," he said.

"If it happens once, it can happen twice," said Enrique Lepe, political science major. "Our system is not good in the way they treat minorities."

Although some people fear a similar verdict might spark another riot, there are others who do not think so. David

Fox, social worker for the County of the Los Angeles Social Welfare Department, says "There are too many good people in the community, and I think they will stop the younger ones from rioting."

He also feels that the police will make a greater effort to stop anything from happening this time.

Let's hope that there will be continued restraint in Los Angeles as well as at LAVC when the new verdict is cast.



Letters to the Editor

In spite of it all

Dear Editor:

Here on the campus students are doing everything right, yet they are finding it so hard to get ahead.

They are studying hard, working part-time, full time, many with two jobs. Doing everything right: paying tuition that is a burden, paying for student health, even if insured, just so other students can also have medical access. yet, they are threatened with increases in tuition, the dropping of more classes. They find themselves worried about off-campus stability, a police trial, about authority figures in general.

In spite of everything, students do have a home here. The newspaper *Star* gives them a voice. Administration, faculty, and staff are totally on their side.

For an authority figure, they have a treasure in Captain Karl Traber, of Campus Police. He has the character of the ideal policeman - sensitive to the individual, and well aware of the nature of society. His outlook remains fresh, a veteran of 22 years with the LAPD

What was taught him there is what he follows; guardian of the peace, upholder of civil rights. We can be certain his entire staff emulates him. He helps to provide strength to the campus.

Students have to demand to know, if we're doing everything right, why are we being left behind?

Bill Fury
Fitness Center

For the the record

Dear Editor:

Thank you for reporting on the Budget Rally. I would like to make two corrections on the information concerning my speech:

■ It is not (Gov. Pete) Wilson's resolution "A". It is Resolution "A" of the Inter Club Council, passed unanimously by ICC and the Executive Council.

■ A more correct statement about the treatment of God towards people is: God will judge the least of

this society, like the aged, blind and disabled, as if he were the aged, blind and disabled person.

George W. Heath
ICC Representative of
Campus Christian Fellowship

Who paid?

Dear Editor:

(In reference to Sharyn Cadia's article of March 4, "ASU budget, a wound that keeps festering.")

The swimming pool was built from money generated by what was called a State Civic Center Override Tax.

In 1978 (Prop. 13), this tax was eliminated. ASU money was never spent in building our pool. The pools at Pierce, Trade Tech, and Pierce, Trade Tech, and Valley were all built at the same time and with money from the same source.

Ray Folloco
Fitness Center

ASU's apologies

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank all the students for the energy they displayed at the rally on Feb. 24. It is the kind of energy and drive that will make the legislature think twice about voting on our future based on political party lines. The willingness of students to help circulate the 1/2 cent postcards and the amount we have signed (about 2,500) proves that the power of the student voice will not be silent this year.

It has come to my attention that people throughout the program were dismayed by the use of inappropriate language during the presentation. Although it is difficult to control emotions about the subject of our future, as student leaders, we should have taken more care in choosing the way we present our message to the student body. Therefore, those members of the Executive Council, as well as I personally, apologize to the administration, faculty, staff, and most of all to the students who were offended or just turned off to the use of our

inappropriate language.

However, I will offer no apologies on behalf of the students who came up to the stage during the open mike. They were honest in their opinions and their emotions. These students deserve commendation for having the will to address their peers in an open forum. Public speaking is not an easy thing to do. I hold all of you in the highest respect and hope that you will follow your emotions and get involved to protect your future.

Finally, I would like to thank the faculty, administration and staff for their help in putting this event together and I remind them that this is just Round 1 in the 15 Round title fight. I would also like to thank the clubs for their help and their presence and willingness to get involved. Most of all, I would like to thank the members of the Executive Council. Without them and the work and support they offered, the student body of this campus would be in much worse position to fight. Therefore, I thank Jesse Hernandez, Ben Padua, Dave Patton, Tracy Hart, Andrew Embuido, Carlos Cueva, Kristopher Coleman, Carlos Ramirez, Alex Gonzalez, Paul Wisham, Joel Lofton, Joe Slepak, W.J. Bellamy, Ragna

Vidar, David Kornblatt, Enrique, Lepe, Liz Alexander, Marie Val, Melvy Murguia, Tamara Smith, Sharon Mamane, Rayvonne Douthard, and Chris James, the hardest working Associated Students in the State of California.

Don Graham Jr.
Commissioner of Public Relations

Drug money wasted

Dear Editor:

On Tuesday, March 2, the Pharmaceutical Association began running ads in the metropolitan newspapers. I'm sure that these ads are appearing throughout the country costing millions of dollars.

I didn't find one line which notified needy people that medicine is available to them through their physicians.

Thank you so much *Star* for printing the letters from Bill Fury (student), which did give this information. I am very proud of you and you should be very proud of yourselves.

Luz Herring
Nursing Student

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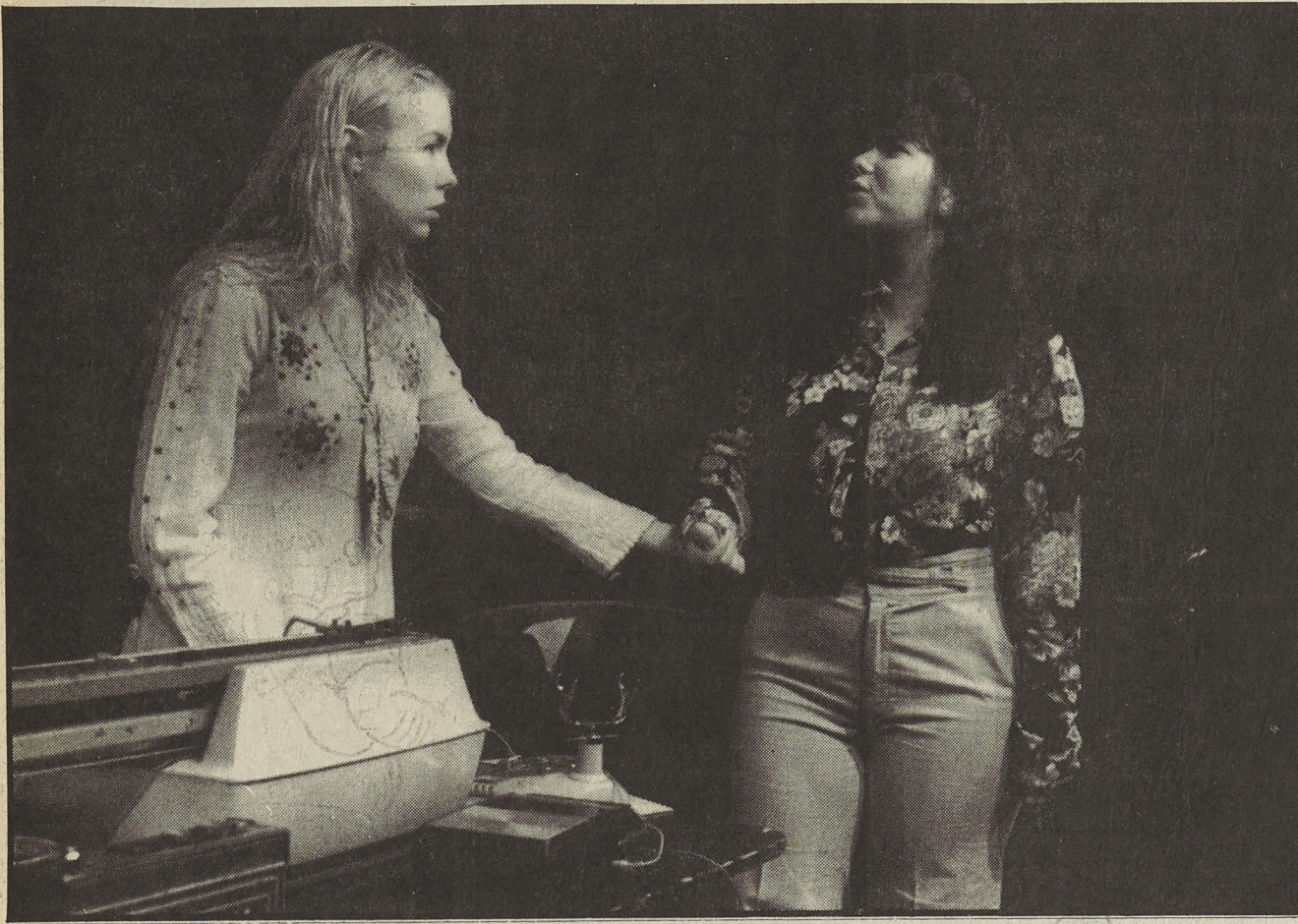
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make racial, ethnic, religious, sexist, or sexually oriented denigrations.

Letters should be signed and include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented to the Valley Star office, Bungalow 25, by Monday morning for the following Thursday.





Paula (Rachelle Deanne Prager) is disgusted with Yucca's (Andrea Posey) overnight success and wants her best friend to find a new roommate. Unlike Yucca, Paula, as a writer, has worked hard with no success.

D'ANDRE FORD / Valley Star

Friendship is tested in new one-act play

By STEVEN KOSOV
Staff Writer

You may never have wanted to be a singer or a writer, you may not have been an adult in the '70s, and you may not like the Bohemian artsy set, but if you have ever struggled for a goal or at least had a friend, you will find something to relate to in "My Cup Ranneth Over."

"My Cup Ranneth Over" is the latest one act play presented by the Los Angeles Valley College Department of Theater and the Cinema Arts Lab Theater Program.

It is the story of two struggling artists in Greenwich Village, one a folk-rock singer, the other an unpublished writer. Although these roommates are the best of friends, their friendship is strained past the breaking point when Yucca, the singer, suddenly hits it big. Yucca's success forces Paula to see that her own dreams are going nowhere.

Andrea Posey, last seen as the stepmother in the Valley Collegiate Players' production of Cinderella

Waltz, plays Yucca, a simple minded down to earth singer, with a sense of naivete befitting the character.

She plays her with a certain intellectual clumsiness that clearly shows that Yucca stumbled into her new found success, not having the mind to feel the relief that her dream of musical fame has been realized.

Posey, as she demonstrated in Cinderella Waltz, shows off a comic talent, making herself the Gracie Allen for Rachelle Deanne Prager's George Burns. Yucca does not try to be funny, but her flightiness just makes it end up that way.

Prager is a Valley College Alumnus currently at California State University, Northridge. Although her character of Paula is the less avant-garde of the two, Prager plays her with an uptightness that contrasts with Yucca's laid back innocence.

However, even though both characters are well defined, neither actress seems to be completely into character, often sounding like they were reciting lines rather than engaging in genuine conversation. In spite of this, "My Cup Ranneth

Over" still has much to offer.

Michael Higby, who makes his Valley College directorial debut with this play, does an excellent job organizing all of the different aspects of the production.

Most noteworthy is the set design by Steve Downs. The set is a small apartment decorated with old furniture and posters of Kiss and Led Zeppelin hanging on the walls. A small sign reading "Appearing with Yucca" attached to the Kiss poster shows the audience Yucca's dream before being introduced to the character herself.

Assorted clutter of books, empty soda bottles, and other nicknacks add a lived in touch of realism.

The rock posters and record jackets thrown about also give anyone who remembers the '70s a touch of nostalgia.

Throughout the turmoil and conflict that Paula and Yucca go through, the play manages to stress one overwhelming theme: friendship. "My Cup Ranneth Over" shows Friday, March 12 at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m., in the Shoebox Theater.

Exhibit recalls horror

By RONIT Le MON
Staff Writer

"Remember, and there is hope," reads a tee shirt by the entrance.

Remembering is the main purpose of the Beit Hashoa, the Museum of Tolerance, which is part of the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

The name of the museum is a contradiction, for its exhibits detail the intolerance that has plagued the world in recent times: the Cambodian genocide, the passive murder of indigenous people in America, the Armenian slaughter by the Turks, and especially, the Holocaust by the Nazi's against the Jews.

Weisenthal, himself a survivor of a concentration camp, has spent his life gathering information about the horrors of this episode and making it public. The goal of the Holocaust exhibit, and the other displays in the museum, is to make the events more personal to the viewer.

Like a metaphor for the descent into the darkness of the human mind, the tour begins with a long spiral staircase that carries the visitor to the bowels of the museum. The walls are lined with flashing slides of happy slices of Americana in stark contrast to what lies ahead.

The Holocaust installation takes the viewer from pre-war Berlin, through the rise of Adolph Hitler, and finally to the culmination of his Final Solution, the murder of 10 million Jews, Gypsies, dissenters and homosexuals.

Film from the 1920's shows young people dancing, drinking and enjoying themselves. This footage is in sharp contrast to the state of Germany after World War I.

Germany was in a deep economic depression. Hitler promised to get the country back on its feet and to regain the pride of the German people.

Hitler's rise to power is shown by life-size recreations of Berlin as it was then. Street scenes filled with cafes are given an ominous note as the viewer hears the conversations of people at the tables and a voice stating what happened to them in the war.

One young journalist, working as a waiter, is harassed by his patron who suspects him to be a left-wing sympathizer. The waiter is among the first dissenters to be executed by the Nazis.

A German-Jewish woman, sitting with her American-Jewish friend, scoffs at the threats of Hitler and refuses to relocate to America. She is German, she says, after all. She ends her life in the gas chamber.

Wartime Germany is represented by an empty conference room with voice overs of German officers discussing their "Jewish problem" and the steps they have taken to remedy it. They laugh and joke with one another as one voice declares his state is now Jew free. Another asks that they concentrate on his area next, for taking care of his Jews is too bothersome.

Now comes the result of the final solution. Surrounded by decaying stone walls and vivid war footage, the staggering number of dead is repeated. At the end of the hallway is a large metal gate—a replica from a concentration camp. As the visitor walks through, a voice says that many walked through gates like this, never to return.

Once past the gate and into the camps, prisoners were separated. The weaker ones were murdered right away, while the stronger were kept alive to work on Nazi construction projects.

In the museum, observers are presented with two brick walls, one labeled "able-bodied" the other "children and others." A voice asks them to choose one.

Past the brick walls is the inevitable end of most of the prisoners—the gas chamber, a replica of which is also the last stop of the tour. While camp survivors speak through monitors about life in the camps, photographs show ditches filled with naked bodies and piles of glasses and teeth—the grisly remains of the dead.

The Museum of Tolerance is more than a shock show. The visitors are asked to re-think their ideas about prejudice and bigotry.

"We're not prejudiced, are we?" asks a recorded voice near the beginning of the tour. "Oh no. We look like nice people. Besides, we all know that some groups are different. Like some are better at certain things than others. They should be recognized. Some groups play sports better. And whose eyes are better for those tiny little numbers? We all know that."

There are "talking eggs" that pop up when a lever is pressed. One of them says, "I like different people. If they're not too different, if you know what I mean."

The museum makes the point that no one is entirely free from all types of prejudice.

There is a large map of the United States covered with small colored dots which represent hate groups. Some states, like California, have so many dots it is hard to see the map.

Each circle stands for a known group: White Supremist, Neo-Nazi, Ku-Klux-Klan, among others. California seems to be represented by every group.

"Remember, and there is hope" the sign says, and visiting the Museum of Tolerance is an experience not easily forgotten.

The Museum of Tolerance is in the Simon Wiesenthal Center, 9786 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles. Call (310) 553-9036 for more information.

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3/18	Oxnard	Home	2 p.m.

Swimming

3/12	Cuesta	Away	2 p.m.
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Track and Field

3/12	Bakersfield	Away	2 p.m.
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Monarchs dust rivals

By NANCY VIGRAN
Editor-in-Chief

The Monarch Women's Track Team surged ahead taking seven events and winning the Ventura College meet last Friday.

The Monarch Ladies beat out both Ventura and Cuesta College teams in the 4x100m relay (51.74) and the 4x400m relay (4:34).

Dual winner Nicole Rucker took both the 100m in 12.67 and the 200m in 26.34. Rucker, who ran in the hills and sprinted on the track through the fall and winter, said she felt much better prepared this season than last.

The 400m was won by LaTara Hudson in 1:02.95 and Jennifer Stewart won both the high jump (5'

even) and the javelin throw (106').

Tying in total team scoring, the Monarch Men's Team also won the 4x100m (42.82) and 4x400m (3:22).

Again a triple winner, Kyle Beck took the long jump at 23'4", the 110m hurdles (15.47) and the 400 intermediate (54.89). Other Monarch running event winners included Ruben Benitez in the 400m (48.29), Reginald Welch, Jr. in the 100m (11.4), Kyno Alvarez in the 800m (2:00.69) and Kevin Maxie in the 200m (22.05).

Tomorrow the Monarchs will take on Bakersfield and Moorpark in Bakersfield. "Traditionally it comes down to one of the three (Bakersfield, Moorpark and Valley) for the championships," said Coach Dave Buchanan. "We will get an idea as to where we stand," he said.

Swimmers sink Pierce

By LUCY THOMAS
Staff Writer

The Los Angeles Valley Swim Team had another triumph last Friday by completely dominating Los Angeles Pierce College. LAVC men's team won by a score of 91 to 16. Pierce had a small team due to many ineligible swimmers.

Valley men produced many fast times in their events. This meet put LAVC's men in first place in the Western States Conference with three wins and no losses.

Dual winner Wonmeen Jun took first place in the 200 individual medley (IM) in (2:07.1) and the 100 freestyle (50.0). Robert Brown was first in the 50 freestyle (23.3) and the 200 breaststroke (2:26.1).

Ed Akopyan won the 200 butterfly (2:17.5). Steve Costales took first place in the 200 freestyle (1:59.9) and Ryan Barry won the 200 backstroke (2:10.3).

Valley diver Jesse Ellis also had two wins, taking first in both the one meter and three meter diving events.

LAVC women had great swims beating Pierce 60 to 40, with most of

them improving their times. The women's record is now two wins and one loss in the Western States Conference.

Lisa Fletcher was a double winner taking first place in the 100 IM (1:14.1) and the 100 freestyle (1:04.5). Fletchers times were her best ever in both events. Luzmila Ocon repeated her past performances in winning the 500 freestyle again in (6:09.1).

Heidi Smith in her first 100 breaststroke race took first place in the outside lane in (1:15.5). Lacey Weaver won the 50 freestyle in (28.8) much to the delight of her seven-year-old brother Timmy and her father Tim Weaver.

Jennifer Cole, won the 100 backstroke (1:15.5). Eyre Becker took first place in the one meter diving event for Valley, in her first diving competition.

Tomorrow, "Our men and women swimmers face the Cuesta College team in San Luis Obispo," said LAVC Coach, Bill Krauss. "Cuesta's men and women are exceptionally fast swimmers and it will be a difficult meet. I know that our team will try their very best as usual and that's all we can ask."



ADAM CROCKER / Valley Star

Willie Rivera's pitching helped keep Valley college within striking distance against Pierce last Thursday, but the Monarchs' bats

couldn't close the gap and the Brahmas won, 7-5, in a Western States Conference game at LAVC.

Monarchs on upward swing

By ANDREW SAMUELSON
Staff Writer

The Monarchs split their games last week, losing to the Los Angeles Pierce Brahmas on Thursday at home and defeating Oxnard on the road, taking their conference record to 4-2-1.

LAVC fell behind to Pierce, 6-0 after three innings. The Monarchs rallied to score five runs which closed the lead to one run going into the ninth inning. The Brahmas added another run and shut down Valley to preserve the win.

Going into the third inning, LAVC pitcher Juan Velazquez retired the first two Brahma batters he faced and had the next batter down in the count with two strikes. On the next pitch, he gave up a check-swing single which was just over first baseman David Stevenson's head and started the two out rally which scored three more Pierce runners.

After huddling around Coach Chris Johnson, the Monarchs came up with four runs in the bottom of the inning on the strength of two-out doubles by Brian Gordon and Jamie Zeichick who drove in two runs each.

The Monarchs scored another run in the sixth inning on Ozzie Areu's single that brought in Arnold Settles, but reached base only twice after that on an error in the eighth inning and an error in the ninth.

Jason Litt came in to replace Velazquez in the fourth inning and

gave up just one hit and did not yield any runs. Willie Rivera relieved Litt and pitched the final three frames. He struck out five and gave up one hit, but his string of scoreless games ended in the eighth inning.

Coach Johnson said he was upset that his team fell behind in the early innings and he blamed it on poor fielding and a lack of execution.

"We just couldn't get the basic executions done and we're going to make some adjustments on that," Johnson said. "We're fine though."

We've played only six games and we have 24 more left."

The next day the Monarchs got on the bus and headed to play against Oxnard. Valley took out its disappointment from the previous evening out on the winless Oxnard team by racing to a 10-1 lead before winning 10-6.

Jason Vargas pitched eight strong innings, giving up only one run. He ran into trouble and gave up five runs in the ninth before Rivera relieved him and retired the last

three batters.

Operating as the team's closer, Rivera has 22 strikeouts in 17 and 1/3 innings, three saves, a victory and 1.04 earned run average this season.

Jason Stanley went three for four and drove in two runs while Carlos Olmos collected three hits and scored two runs in the game against Oxnard.

The Monarchs open a three-game home stand which begins today against College of the Canyons, who are undefeated in league competition.

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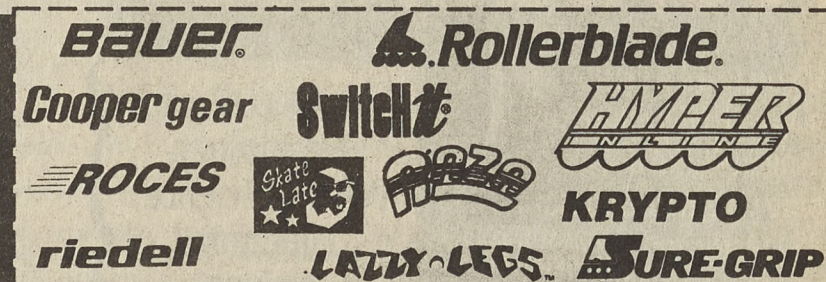
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